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**U.S. Marine Corps Begins Transition To Navy Marine Corps Intranet**

**Increased Interoperability and Information Security Are Key Benefits to the Marine Corps**

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PLANO, Texas – EDS today announced it has put the “MC” in the NMCI as U.S. Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., along with its tenant commands, began the transition to the Navy Marine Corps Intranet. EDS assumed responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the base’s “as-is” computing environment on March 24.

Assumption of responsibility is the first step in the incremental transition process to the NMCI. EDS and its partner companies now have responsibility for all information technology contracts, leases and equipment, and now will begin to survey and evaluate the current infrastructure to determine upgrades needed to fully implement the NMCI.

“The NMCI is successfully moving forward at a time when our Navy and Marine Corps customers are engaged in battling hostile forces,” said Al Edmonds, president of EDS U.S. Government Solutions. “We are committed to providing sailors and Marines a system that will provide maximum support to their mission in peace and in war.”

The NMCI is a critical component of the Department of the Navy’s vision of a network-centric force, where a single secure, integrated network delivers all voice, video, and data IT services to

more than 360,000 seats in more than 300 locations. Through the standardization of hardware and software suites, and employment of common, multi-layered security architecture, the NMCI will greatly improve interoperability and security across the Navy and Marine Corps.

“The Marine Corps’ existing network is similar to the NMCI in that it is centralized with a common architecture,” said Cozy Bailey, EDS NMCI client executive for the Marine Corps.

“This should make the transition to the NMCI much easier.”

In addition to the similarity of the systems, the Marines also have reaped the benefit of watching and evaluating the Navy’s initial NMCI deployments. Legacy applications – those software programs that pre-date the NMCI and were the bane of the Navy’s early efforts – have been nearly eliminated.

“Due to the Marine Corps’ efforts to standardize its IT and reduce legacy applications over the last 5 years, we are well positioned to transition to NMCI,” said Rich Glover, NMCI Marine Corps program manager. “The Marine Corps is ready to move ahead with NMCI. Ultimately, the primary benefits to Marines will be greater throughput, enhanced interoperability with the Navy and improved information security.”

The Marine Corps expects to have Marine Corps Base Quantico and its tenant commands online by December 2003. The system will serve 47 Marine Corps sites and more than 90,000 Marine Corps users.

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